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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time for reply is filed concurrently to extend the time for reply from December 24, 2004 to January 24, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Submitted herewith are the following items for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Amendment and Reply to Office Action (6 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (in duplicate) (2 page);

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